



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Fort Mill School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 8,676

Superintendent: Dr. V. Keith Callicutt

Board Chair: Jan Smiley

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Excellent	Good	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT 1	GOOD 0	AVERAGE 0	BELOW AVERAGE 0	AT-RISK 0
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* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Districts with Students like Ours are Districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PACT

PACT	2008 Reading % Basic and above	2008 Math % Basic and above	2008 Science % Basic and above	2008 Social Studies % Basic and above
District	91.4%	91.5%	87.0%	88.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	91.4%	91.5%	87.0%	88.2%
Average District	76.0%	76.0%	67.4%	71.3%

PACT	2008 Reading % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Math % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Science % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Social Studies % Proficient & Advanced
District	60.3%	58.7%	61.7%	59.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.3%	58.7%	61.7%	59.1%
Average District	37.6%	35.1%	36.4%	34.7%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtests (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	95.5%	3.4%	1.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	95.5%	3.4%	1.1%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	98.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	98.8%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	87.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	87.2%

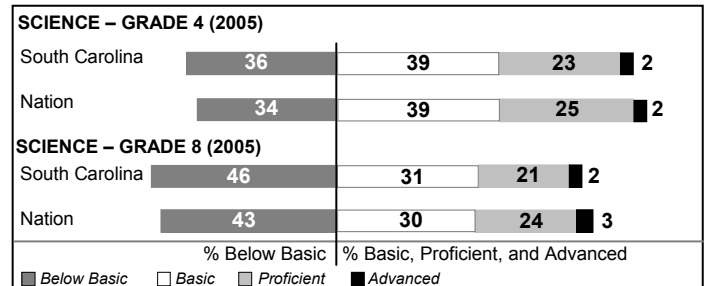
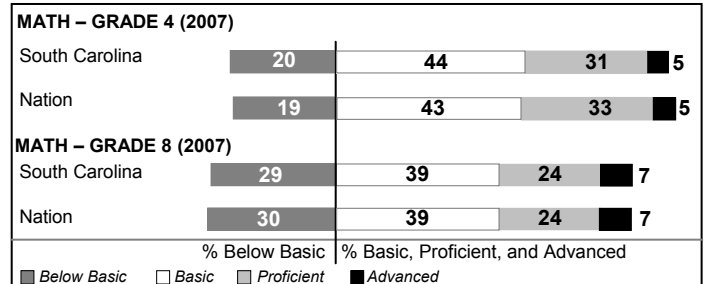
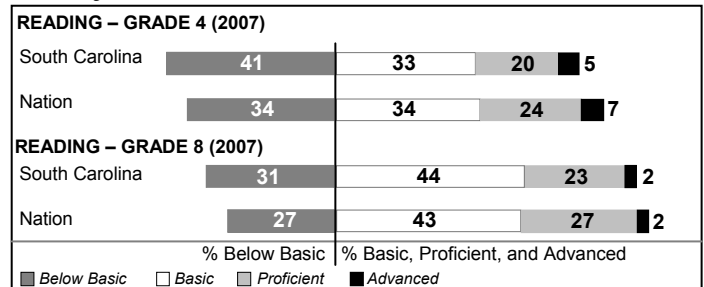
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	90.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.8%

** Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

Abbreviations Key

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=8,676)				
Retention rate	1.7%	Down from 1.8%	1.7%	4.0%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 96.3%	96.4%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	29.2%	Down from 30.2%	29.2%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	6.9%	Up from 5.5%	6.9%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.8%	Up from 0.2%	0.8%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	15.3%	Up from 14.3%	15.3%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	85.1%	N/A	85.1%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	32.4%	Down from 34.7%	32.4%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	14	Down from 22	14	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	14	Down from 18	14	27
Annual dropout rate	2.5%	Up from 2.3%	2.5%	3.8%
Teachers (n=644)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.9%	Down from 59.9%	58.9%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	77.0%	Up from 76.7%	77.0%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	1.9%	Up from 1.3%	1.9%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.4%	Up from 92.2%	92.4%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.9%	Up from 94.4%	94.9%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$47,481	Up 2.3%	\$47,481	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 0.4%	0.0%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.9%	Down from 4.1%	3.9%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.6 to 1	Down from 20.8 to 1	20.6 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.5%	Up from 88.7%	89.5%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,008	Up 5.6%	\$8,008	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	57.5%	Down from 57.6%	57.5%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	59.3%	Down from 59.7%	59.3%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	10	Up from 9	10	9
Portable classrooms	1.8%	Down from 5.0%	1.8%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	11 Years	Down from 15 Years	11 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	10.0	Up from 9.0	10.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$84,893	Up 1.1%	\$84,893	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	93.9%		93.9%	69.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The Fort Mill School District continues to lead the state in student enrollment growth, despite economic slowdowns. Nation Ford High School opened in the fall of 2007, easing the overcrowding at Fort Mill High School, and eliminated the need for almost thirty mobile classrooms. A third classroom wing will be available at Nation Ford for the 2008-2009 school year.

In March of 2008, voters overwhelmingly approved a record \$95.9 million bond referendum to build two new elementary schools and a middle school. This is in addition to the current building program, which will lead to the opening of Sugar Creek Elementary and Pleasant Knoll Elementary in the fall of 2009. Enrollment freezes continued at Gold Hill Elementary and Orchard Park Elementary, while the Board of Trustees voted to freeze enrollment at Springfield Elementary for the 2008-2009 school year.

Despite the challenges associated with growth, our schools and students continued to improve. Gold Hill Elementary was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School and joined Orchard Park Elementary, Springfield Middle, and Fort Mill High as winners of the Palmetto Gold and Silver Award. Springfield Middle won the South Carolina Middle School Mock Trial Championship and Springfield Elementary won the South Carolina Elementary Archery title. High school athletes from Fort Mill High and Nation Ford High won regional championships in ten sports and both high school marching bands finished in the top three in the state.

We remain very thankful for the support of our community members who provided the district with a historic outcome for the March 2008 bond referendum. We pledge to continue to do our best to keep Children First.

V. Keith Callicutt, Ph. D., Superintendent

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